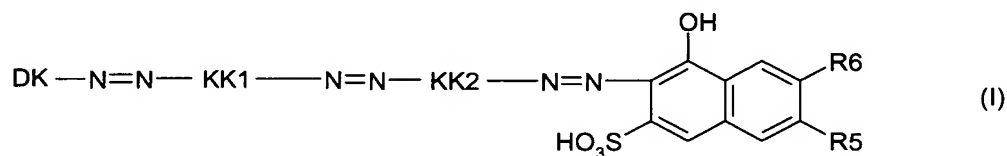


Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

- (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ for producing a storage-stable concentrated aqueous preparation ~~preparations of an anionic dyes dye~~ characterized in that ~~an~~ comprising the steps of providing an aqueous solution or suspension of at least one anionic crude dye of the formula (I)



wherein

DK is a phenyl or naphthyl or phenyl group groups or naphthyl groups substituted by $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$ or by C_{1-4} -alkyl groups which are unsubstituted or ~~which are further substituted by~~ $-\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$,

$-\text{NH}$ alkyl, $-\text{N}(\text{alkyl})_2$ or by C_{1-4} -alkoxy groups which are unsubstituted or which are further substituted by $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{OH}$,

KK1 and KK2 independently from each other are ~~phenylen~~ phenylene or ~~naphthylen naphthylene, unsubstituted or phenylen groups or naphthylen groups which are further substituted by~~

$-\text{OH}$, $-\text{COOH}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NHalkyl}$, $-\text{N}(\text{alkyl})_2$ or by C_{1-4} -alkoxy groups which are unsubstituted or ~~which are further substituted by~~ $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$, $-\text{COOH}$ or $-\text{OH}$,

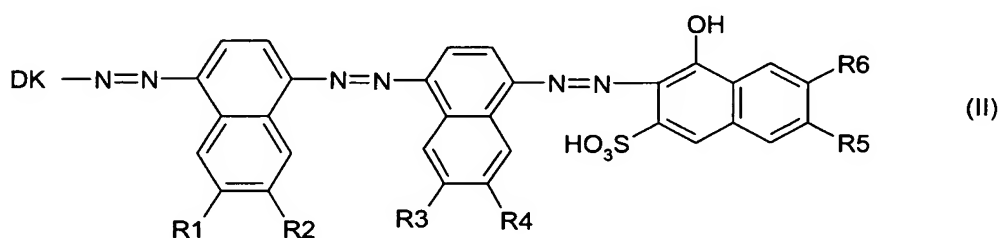
R5 and R6 independently from each other are $-\text{H}$, $-\text{NH}_2$, $-\text{NH}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$, $-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-\text{CH}_3$ or $-\text{NH}-\text{CO}-\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$,

~~is subjected~~ subjecting the aqueous solution or suspension to ultrafiltration to form an ultrafiltrated dye solution,

~~and subsequent concentration~~ concentrating the ultrafiltrated dye solution,

~~and wherein~~ with the proviso that no additional solubilizers, dispersants or tensides are ~~used~~ added.

2. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 1 wherein the at least one anionic crude dye is of dyes according to the formula (I) ~~have the~~ formula (II)



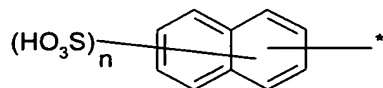
wherein

DK is defined as in Claim 1,

R1 ~~[[to]]~~ R2, R3, and R4 independently from each other are -H, -SO₃H, -NH₂ or -COOH,

R5 and R6 are defined as in Claim 1.

3. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 2 wherein DK is



where the asterix shows the point of attachment and n is 1 or 2,

R1 ~~[[to]]~~ R2, R3, and R4 independently from each other are -H or -SO₃H,
 R5 and R6 independently from each other are -H or -NH₂.

4. (currently amended) A process ~~Process~~ according to Claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one anionic dye is C.I. Direct Blue 71.

5. (currently amended) ~~A process~~ Process according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or suspension of the at least one anionic crude dye is continuously or intermittently replaced or supplemented by water or buffer solution so that the volume of the batch does not change by more than 20%, and concentrating the ~~resulting ultrafiltrated dye solution is concentrated~~ by a factor more than 2.
6. (currently amended) ~~A process~~ Process according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims, characterized in that~~ Claim 1, wherein the aqueous solution or suspension of the anionic crude dye is admixed with further cations prior to or during ultrafiltration.
7. (currently amended) ~~A process~~ Process according to Claim 6, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cations added prior to or during ultrafiltration are alkanolamines or alkanolammonium salts.
8. (currently amended) ~~A process~~ Process according to Claim ~~6~~ 7, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cations added prior to or during ultrafiltration are triethanolammonium hydrochloride.
9. (currently amended) ~~Storage-stable~~ A storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic ~~dye~~ dyes ~~producible~~ produced by a process according to ~~any of the preceeding Claims~~ Claim 1.
10. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye ~~preparations~~ preparation of at least one anionic ~~dye~~ dyes ~~producible~~ produced by a process according to Claim 1 and at least one additional anionic dye ~~Claims 1 to 8 with further anionic dyes~~.

11. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye preparations preparation of at least one anionic dye dyes producible produced by a process according to Claim 1 and at least one additional liquid direct dye Claims 1 to 8 with further liquid direct dyes.
12. (current amended) ~~Blends and shadings of~~ A mixture, comprising the storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye preparations preparation of at least one anionic dye dyes producible produced by a process according to Claim 1 and Claims 1 to 8 with liquid versions of of C.I. Direct Blue, C.I. Direct Violet, C.I. Direct Yellow and Direct Turquoise dys dyes.
13. (currently amended) A method for dyeing and/or printing a fibrous material, comprising the step of contacting the Use of storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye preparations preparation of at least one anionic dye dyes produced by a process according to Claims 1 to 8 for dyeing and or printing Claim 1 with the fibrous material fibre materials especially cellulosic textiles and paper.
14. (currently amended) An ink jet ink comprising the Use of storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye preparations preparation of at least one anionic dye dyes produced by a process according to Claim 1 Claims 1 to 8 for producing ink jet inks.
15. (currently amended) A method for dyeing, coloring, pickling or staining wood, comprising the step of contacting the wood with a Use of storage-stable concentrated aqueous dye preparations preparation of at least one anionic dye dyes produced by a process according to Claims 1 to 8 for dyeing, coloring, pickling or staining of Claim 1 solid wood.

16. (new) The method according to Claim 13, wherein the fibrous material is a cellulosic textile or paper.
17. (new) Wood dyed, colored, pickled, or stained in accordance with the method of claim 15,